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***Gave me one, continually developing it.***

In the process of developing this six-word memoir, I knew exactly what I wanted it to say, but I did not know how to say it. The first three words, “Gave me one,” came fairly easy. The word “gave” is there because it implies that someone or something has already given me something. The word “one” is there because most people will ask, one what? One what, is the exact question I am after. In my life, “one” means many things. Obviously, following the first three words come the last three words, which read, “continually developing it.” These words explain what I will do with that “one” that I am given throughout my lifetime. First and most important, God gave me one life. I know that I cannot ever be perfect, nor do I strive to be. God blessed me with many things so far throughout my one life, and I need to take those blessings and continue to develop them to the best of my ability in a Christian-like manner (which is not always an easy task). Although not as important as my only life, the continuous “one-chances” I get create great tasks and challenges for me. For example, this year is my last year for high school sports; this is my one chance to be a senior leader in athletics. The “one” exemplifies many of the specific “one” chances/opportunities I have received and will prayerfully continue to receive throughout my life. I came across this six-word memoir because I wanted to create a statement that could sum up the blessings that I received along with my thankfulness for these blessings. I also wanted to make it broad enough to cover any single blessing that occurs in my life; that is how “one” became the central meaning to my six-word memoir. I chose to use these words instead of their synonyms because they allowed me to create the broad statement that not only covers my blessings and my thankfulness, but it also covers my past, present, and future.